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NEWS AND NOTES

Notes of interest to the readers of the *Journal* should be in the hands of the editor of "News and Notes" not later than the tenth of the month preceding publication.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF EUGENICS

The *Journal* has received the preliminary announcement of the Second International Congress of Eugenics to be held in New York City September 22-28, 1921. The First International Congress was held in London, August, 1912, under the auspices of the Eugenics Education Society and the presidency of Major Leonard Darwin. According to present plans, the Congress will be organized into four sections. The first will deal with the results of research in the domain of pure eugenics in animals and plants, and in studies in human heredity. The second section will consider factors which influence the human family, and their control. The third section will concern itself with the topic of human racial differences in relation to immigration, racial admixture, and national and cultural groups. The fourth section will discuss eugenics in relation to the state, to society, and to education.

The honorary president of the Congress is Alexander Graham Bell. The president is Henry Fairchild Osborn. All papers for presentation at the Congress should be submitted to the Secretary-General, who will see that they are received and considered by the proper section of the program committee. All communications should be addressed to Dr. C. C. Little, Secretary-General, American Museum of Natural History, 77th Street and Central Park, West, New York City.

THE SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

The *Sociological Review* reports that during January there was an Exhibition of Civic and Regional Surveys at Leplay House. The exhibit included surveys of Westminster, Oxford, Chelsea, Saffron Walden, Ludlow, and Newbury.

Among the several groups of the Society for the study of special problems, the most active at present are the group in social psychology, the group formed for the study of "La science sociale," and the group engaged in studying rural problems.

INSTITUT INTERNATIONAL DE SOCIOLOGIE

The International Institute of Sociology announces the election as associates of Professor John P. Lichtenberger, of the University of Pennsylvania, first vice-president of the American Sociological Society, and Professor Scott E. W. Bedford, of the University of Chicago, former secretary of the American Sociological Society.

REVUE DE L'INSTITUT DE SOCIOLOGIE

The *Archives Sociologiques* published by the Institut Solvay of Brussels, which was suspended for six years because of the war, has made its reappearance under the title *Revue de l'Institut de Sociologie*. The *Revue* will appear in six numbers during the year, each issue containing about 140 pages. The editors are G. Barnich and G. Hostelet. Over one-third the space of the *Revue* is devoted to bibliographies, book reviews, and abstracts. The first number, issued last July, contained an article, "La raison et le progrès moral," by Professor Edward Cary Hayes, of the University of Illinois. Communications should be addressed to Institut Solvay, Parc Léopold, Brussels.

CHICAGO COMMISSION ON RACE RELATIONS

The Chicago Commission on Race Relations was appointed by Governor Lowden of Illinois to inquire into the causes leading up to and culminating in the riot of July, 1919, which resulted in the death of twenty-three negroes and fifteen white persons. This Commission has been engaged since February, 1920, in a thorough and comprehensive inquiry into race relations in general with special inquiry into: housing, industry, crime and police administration, racial clashes, race contacts, and public opinion. Throughout this study the emphasis has been placed upon the social and psychological aspects of the relations of the white and negro groups. The material is now in process of compilation. The executive secretary of the Commission is Mr. Graham Romeyn Taylor; the associate secretary is Mr. Charles S. Johnson, formerly of the Chicago Urban League.

AN EMPLOYMENT SERVICE STUDY

A study of public employment in the United States has been undertaken by the Russell Sage Foundation. The general purpose is to gather the experience of this country in planning, organizing, and administering public employment work. The work undertaken groups

itself into three main parts. First, are the questions which have to do with the general organization and administration of the service. They include, among others, questions as to federal, federal-state, or some other unit of administration; the organization and function of the service from the federal center to the local ends; the status of the service in the federal, state, or local government organization; and the distribution of offices.

Second, are the questions relating to the administration of the local offices, and the technique of the local service. They include office layout; the placement process; practice in receiving, registering, interviewing, and referring applicants; forms and blanks in use; and so on.

And third, there are questions as to the place and function of the service in our industrial life, local and national. What are the obstacles which the public employment service must meet and overcome if it is to have a healthy and reasonably rapid development? etc.

The investigations have been made by Mary LaDame, Leslie E. Woodcock, J. B. Buell, Fred A. King, and Helen B. Russell, nearly all of whom have been employed at one time or another in public or private employment work. Their experience has been gathered in several different sections of the country. The study is under the general direction of Shelby M. Harrison.

STUDY OF WOMEN DELINQUENTS

The Bureau of Social Hygiene announces the publication of a book entitled "A Study of Women Delinquents in New York State." The authors of the book are Dr. Mabel R. Fernald, assistant professor of psychology, University of Minnesota, formerly director, Laboratory of Social Hygiene; Dr. Mary H. S. Hayes, formerly psychologist, and Almena Dawley, formerly sociologist of the Bureau of Social Hygiene and now of the Pennsylvania School of Social Work. The book includes a statistical chapter by Beardsley Ruml.

Six groups of women were studied: (1) Women committed to the State Reformatory at Bedford Hills. This group include felons, misdemeanants, and women convicted of such offenses as soliciting on the public streets, frequenting disorderly houses, loitering, etc. (2) A group of felons committed to the State Prison at Auburn. (3) Misdemeanants and felons committed to the New York Penitentiary. (4) A group of minor offenders committed to the New York City Workhouse. (5) A group committed to the Magdalen Home, now Inward House. (6) A group of women convicted in the night court and placed on probation.

STUDENTS' DISSERTATIONS IN SOCIOLOGY

The next issue of the *Journal* will contain a list of doctoral dissertations and Masters' theses now in preparation in American universities and colleges. Letters have been sent to departments which last year reported graduate work in sociology. If any department with candidates for higher degrees in sociology has been omitted, information will be appreciated upon the following points: names of candidates, present degrees with institutions conferring them, title of thesis with probable year of completion.

ROCKFORD COLLEGE

Professor Seba Eldridge, head of the department of the social sciences, announces the inception of a new social-science series under his editorship, and bearing the imprint of Thomas Y. Crowell Company. Arrangements have already been made for books on the following topics: economics considered as a social science, by Professor Lionel Edie; history of socialism, by Dr. Harry W. Laidler; international government, by Dr. Jessie Wallace Hughan; labor problems, by Professor Gordon S. Watkins; crime and punishment, by Clarence Darrow. It is expected that all these contributions to the series, with the exception of Professor Watkins' treatise on labor problems, will appear during the present year. The series is to be broad in scope, and will include books on government and economics as well as on sociology proper.

WITTENBERG COLLEGE

Professor Paul H. Heisey, of the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, has accepted a call to the chair of religious education and Sunday-school work at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. He goes to the new position in September, 1921.